



## **ASISTA's OVW-Funded Products, 2021-2023 Grant Period**

### **[Glossary of Terms \(December 2023\)](#)**

This [glossary of terms](#) will help advocates and legal representatives to access the terminology of commonly used acronyms and words used on survivor-based relief applications and in many other immigration applications.

### **[Top Ten Things Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Advocates Should Know About Immigrant Survivors \(December 8, 2023\)](#)**

ASISTA's Top Ten List for domestic violence & sexual assault advocates aims to inform advocates about key concepts and barriers impacting immigrant survivors of gender-based violence, while providing resources to help overcome them.

### **[Checklist: Initial Documents Immigrant Survivors May Need \(Nov. 2023\)](#)**

This [checklist](#) suggests documents that social workers and advocates working with immigrant survivors may wish to help the survivors to gather. They may become useful for pending or future immigration applications. Most people will not have all of these, but if your client has them, see if you can help obtain a copy.

### **[Practice Advisory: Anti-Blackness and Immigrant Survivors of Gender-Based Violence \(February 2023\)](#)**

The racism that pervades the US immigration system creates particular hardships for Black survivors of gender-based violence (GBV). ASISTA and Ujima, Inc. (the National Center on Violence Against Women in the Black Community) have released a [brand-new practice advisory addressing the impact of anti-Blackness on immigrant survivors of GBV](#). This resource explores how the specific intersection of sexism, anti-Blackness, xenophobia, and criminalization presents unique obstacles to relief for Black immigrant survivors. Importantly, the advisory also contains practical information

on how practitioners and advocates can provide anti-racist and culturally responsive services to Black immigrant survivors of GBV.

### **[New Resource: Introduction to Survivor-Based Immigration Relief \(January 2023\)](#)**

ASISTA has prepared an introductory resource on survivor-based immigration relief for beginner practitioners and domestic violence and sexual assault advocates. The resource provides an overview of common immigration terms and the eligibility criteria for common forms of survivor-based relief, including U and T visas and related adjustment applications, VAWA Self-Petitions and VAWA adjustment, battered spouse waivers, VAWA cancellation of removal, and work permits for abused spouses of certain nonimmigrants.

### **[Practice Advisory: Representing Criminalized Survivors: Impact of Criminal Inadmissibility on Survivor-Based Immigration Remedies \(January 18, 2023\)](#)**

ASISTA has prepared a practice advisory for immigration practitioners that provides an introduction to the impacts of criminal-legal system contacts on eligibility for survivor-based immigration relief. The advisory surveys common criminal grounds of inadmissibility, bars to good moral character, exceptions and waivers, and the impact of criminal grounds of inadmissibility on eligibility for U-visas, T-visas, Adjustment of Status, VAWA Self-Petitions, and VAWA cancellation of removal. This practice advisory also contains practice tips for immigration practitioners who represent criminalized survivors and citations to additional resources.

### **[ASISTA's Practice Alert: Abortion Rights for Immigrant Survivors: The Impact of \*Dobbs\* on Representation of Immigrant Survivors Seeking Reproductive Healthcare \(January 12, 2023\)](#)**

The landscape of abortion rights and restrictions is very complex and constantly shifting. This resource aims to provide accurate information and resources that can guide you to make reasoned decisions with your clients based on the current state of the *law*, not fear. As the law changes, we will keep this advisory as current as possible. Please be sure to consult the resources linked for additional information on the most recent developments.

### **[ASISTA Flyer: Services to OVW Grantees & Sub-grantees \(Updated Nov. 2022\)](#)**

The updated [ASISTA Flyer](#) has direct links to the orientation session recording and other service for OVW LAV grantees/sub-grantees and STOP sub-grantees.

### **[ASISTA's Practice Alert: Rights of Noncitizens with Significant Mental Health Conditions in Removal Proceedings \(September 2022\)](#)**

Check out ASISTA's new practice alert on the rights of noncitizens with significant mental health concerns in removal proceedings. The alert contains practice tips for practitioners and a discussion of special considerations in survivor-based cases.

### **[Practice Advisory: Establishing Employment Authorization for T and U Nonimmigrants Without an EAD Card \(Updated August 2022\)](#)**

This updated advisory on establishing employment authorization for T and U nonimmigrants without an EAD card addresses Social Security Administration ("SSA") issues for U and T nonimmigrants who do not have EAD cards.

### **[Practice Advisory: Establishing Employment Authorization for T and U Nonimmigrants Without an EAD Card \(July 2022\)](#)**

This practice advisory contains information and strategies for establishing employment authorization for clients with T and U Nonimmigrant Status who do not have a work permit (EAD card). The advisory includes a discussion of the relevant regulations and USCIS's Handbook for Employers, as well as practice tips for practitioners.

- Click [here](#) to download the practice advisory in Word version.

### **[VAWA Practice Advisory: VAWA Self-Petition Policy Updates \(June 2022\)](#)**

ASISTA, the Immigrant Legal Resource Center ("ILRC"), and Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. ("CLINIC") co-authored the [VAWA Practice Advisory: VAWA Self-Petition Policy Updates](#).

- Click [here](#) to access the Executive Summary: VAWA Self-Petition Policy Updates (June 2022)
- Click [here](#) to download the practice advisory in Word version.

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